

### CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

Monday, April 25, 2011

7:00 pm

Andover Central Park Lodge

Minutes

**Members Present:**

Mayor Ben Lawrence, City Council Members Caroline Hale, Clark Nelson, Sheri Geisler (arrived at 7:14 p.m.), Dave Tingley, Byron Stout, and Troy Tabor.

Members Present

**Others in attendance:**

City Administrator Sasha Stiles, Director of Public Works and Community Development Les Mangus, Assistant City Administrator Jennifer McCausland, City Engineer Mike Thompson, City Financial Advisor Mark Detter and City Clerk Susan Renner.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Lawrence.

Call to Order

Mayor Lawrence explained the City sign ordinance does not allow for off-site marketing signage to be placed anywhere but at the advertised location, this includes the Parade of Homes signs which is a twice annual event, open house signs, or garage sale signs. He added the current sign regulations have been ignored as it pertains to these signs and the ordinance should be reviewed for amendments.

Offsite signage

Les Mangus presented suggested modifications to Article 7, Section 103, of the Zoning Regulations allowing temporary signage.

The Council concurred with the modifications and directed staff to draft an ordinance for presentation at a future Council meeting.

Mayor Lawrence explained Hal McCoy, Cedar Park Addition, is again talking about the development of a parcel at 159<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Street and is asking the City for assistance in the cost of the extension of the sewer main.

Cedar Park

Staff explained the City policy for oversizing sewer lines, the cost to build and operate lift stations, the fact that Craig Smith is no longer interested in submitting a petition for the Terradyne portion, and the two 40+ acre parcels that are not inside the City limits, creating the dilemma of who pays for what portion of the infrastructure extension.

Council concurred and directed staff to contact Mr. McCoy regarding a plan for repayment of costs to the City if he were to not follow through with the proposed development of the \$300,000-600,000 homes.

Mayor Lawrence stated the sewer rate increase is an item that has been discussed and should have been increased a long time ago and if deferred longer will cause a dramatic increase. Sewer rate increase

The fact that no Council has wanted to address an increase, including the current Council, due to the ramifications of an increase in utility costs to the citizens in a down economy was discussed.

Sasha Stiles explained the Kansas Department of Health & Environment has renewed the City's wastewater plant permit through 2015 and there is a strong possibility they will force the City to upgrade the plant at the next renewal. Currently there is \$1.5 million in the wastewater reserve fund for this project, with a projected price of \$15-20 million staff would like to see one-third the cost of the project in that reserve fund.

Council Member Tingley provided information for an increase of rates over a period of time and the amounts that would be accumulated by certain dates. Council Member Tingley stated he would like to see a long term mechanism so there are no dramatic raises in monthly fees. He added the rates should have been raised 10 years ago and this Council needs to at least set things in motion to move forward.

Mike Thompson stated he does not foresee KDHE requiring plant expansion prior to renewal in 2015.

Council Member Stout wants to see a cap in the raise of rates until the current City Hall project 1% sales tax has sunset and inquired about the possibility of metering wastewater. Ms. Stiles explained metering is not a viable option.

Council directed staff to prepare a resolution incrementally increasing sewer rates and have reviewed by legal counsel for consideration at a future Council meeting.

Sasha Stiles presented a request from a citizen to implement an ordinance requiring residents to shovel the snow on sidewalks adjacent to their property and provided an example ordinance. Ms. Stiles stated businesses take care of their properties due to the liability and asked if the City wants to ticket individual residents for not shoveling snow. Ice and snow removal ordinance

Council concurred there was no interest in pursuing such an ordinance at this time.

A motion was made by Council Member Tingley, seconded by Council Member Stout, at 8:41 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried 6/0. Meeting Adjourned  
Respectfully Submitted by

Susan Renner  
City Clerk

Approved this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011 by the City Council, City of Andover.